

**Addressed to:** Mr John Johnston, aboard the Betsey, Capt Boyd for Quebec at Portsmouth or elsewhere. To the care of Capt Boyd

**From:** Mr Crafts M<sup>c</sup>Kay, London, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1781

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D<sup>r</sup> Cousin,

I am surprised at your long silence. I at least expected a return to my last of last Sunday night p<sup>r</sup> post acquainting you of my having sent your things that same even<sup>g</sup> from the Spread Eagle Grace Church St according to your direction to be left at the Two Blew Posts at Portsmouth, of which I paid the carriage, both of box & parcel of shoes tied together. If my letters were not worthy of a return, I expected at least a few lines on receipt of the things. You must needs think I am a little concern'd to know whether you have recd them or not. I think you are verry negligent. I cannot tell what construction to upon it. Tis to me an emblem of indifference or that your affections are already prejudiced or alliniated. If so tis far from useing me well in return for my utmost endeavours to serve you as far as lay in my power. And this I can assure you, that my aunt & me never quarrel'd to the degree wee have, as since you came to London oweing to my attention & attachment towards you. But do not think I mean any reflection on you by no means, twas not at your request but my own inclination.

As to the map (?) of Lond<sup>n</sup>, the largest & best sort would cost at least from 5 / to three ½ crowns, which I though was too much money to sink for a thing of so little service to you.

Shall expect a few lines from you upon receipt of this, ment<sup>g</sup> the rec<sup>t</sup> of the things & how you have disposed of my letters inclos'd in your box w<sup>t</sup> the stockings, that for my Uncle James, p<sup>r</sup> favour Mr Robison. I would rather have you deliver it to him if he thinks proper to take it. I wonder he said nothing to you on delivery of my letter. The other letters for Uncle John & Aunt Irvin, I would have you keep in your own possession & deliver yourself wt my duty & love to uncles & aunts at Quebec. I conclude wishing you a good passage & happy meeting with them.

Expect your return to this & remain your affec<sup>t</sup> cousin

Crafts Mackay